

TEXAS TOWN TOPICS.

NEWS NOTES GATHERED BY POST REPORTERS.

Christmas Trade Livened Up the Towns—Several Courts in Session—Road Improvements in Wharton County.

WHARTON, December 19.—The contract for cutting out the brush and timber on the proposed new road on the west side of the river to El Campo was let yesterday by the commissioners to A. J. Foster. The contract sum was \$14,000. The contractor was also allowed 10 per cent for all necessary bridges. The road when finished will be thirteen miles long. This improvement and expense was brought about by the contract let last month for the free bridge across the river.

Rev. M. Rogers of Houston, of whom mention was made last week, preached an interesting sermon Sunday at the Baptist church. He succeeded in collecting \$500 in donations among the citizens in aid of the Baptist Female college. He returned on yesterday's train. The excursion was popular in Wharton yesterday. When the east bound train came along it was well, the road had put on two extra cars, for this day furnished a heavy list.

The Post man is enjoying a golden example of some very much this year. J. T. Bolton, its owner, has been pronounced equal to the best of his kind. Judge Nottingham of Baylor was down to the Post City this week.

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AT THE STATE CAPITAL.

TALK OF AN EXTRA LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

Two Reasons Given by Senator Green—Colonel McLaughlin and the Governorship—Candidates for Cook's Place Numerous.

Houston Post Bureau, Driskill Hotel, Austin, Texas, December 19.—Senator J. A. Green of Houston thinks there should be an extra session and he believes there will be one in the spring even if the supreme court of the United States should not advise Judge McLaughlin in his decision in the railroad commission case.

There are two reasons, says Senator Green, why such an extra session should be held. One is that the state should be re-elected into law, as revised by a commission appointed for that purpose, should be adopted.

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